



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1647**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Walke <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1647
Application No.:	09/997,191	Examiner:	R. DeBerry
Filed:	11/20/2001		
Title: Novel Human Wnt-Family Protein and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same		Atty. Docket No.:	LEX-0270-USA

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 25, 2003

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on July 25, 2003 (Paper No. 9), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 9 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including November 25, 2003, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

RESPONSE

I. Status of the Claims

No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been amended. No new claims have been